(b) whether the disparity has widened; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to reduce the disparities of income ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) On the basis of available data, the ratios between per capita incomes (per capita net State domestic product at current prices) of the richest and poorest States for selected years are given below :

	1970-71 Series		1980-81 Series	
	1970-71	1980-81	1987-88	1990-91
Richest State	Punjab	Goa	Goa	Punjab
Poorest State	Bihar	Bihar	Bihar	Bihar
Ratio of Per capita NSDP	2.66 : 1.00	3.58 : 1.00	3.36 : 1.00	3.28 : 1.00

Per capita NSDP at old series and new series are not comparable. On the basis of the new series data, the disparity in per capita NSDP between the richest and the poorest States is declining over the ten years (1981-91).

(c) State Governments have been implementing development schemes/programmes under the Five Year Plan to increase the incomes of the people. These include investment for the development of agriculture industry, infrastructure, irrigation, rural development and social services like education, health etc. In addition, specific programmes for generation of employment, poverty alleviation etc. are being implemented. Central Government also extends requisite assistance/grants.

Details of the special category States

587. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the special category States;

(b) what is the criteria for their categorisation; and

(c) what is the amount of Central assistance provided to these States vis-a-vis State's own resource mobilisation efforts since 1990-91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The ten States included among the Special Category States are : Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

(b) The States included among the Special Category States, for the purpose of Central Assistance for Plans are those which have a strategic location on the border with neighbouring countries, some with large tribal population and/or which have been constituted out of former small Union Territories/ districts with limited and weak resource base compared to their development needs.

(c) These States' own resources are largely ignored being negative or these are left to cover their non-Plan gap. Plan is almost fully funded through Central assistance and other Central support like market borrowings and loans from financial institutions. Pattern of Central assistance to these States is more liberal i.e., 90% grants and 10% loan as compared to 30% grants and 70% loan in case of other States. Details of these States' outlay and their funding for 1990-91 and 1991-92 are respectively given in Statements I and II attached.

Statement-I

Approved Plan Outlay, States' own resources and Central assistance for Annual Plan, 1990-91

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	States	Approved Plan outlay	States' own Resources@	Central Assistance
1	Arunachal Pradesh	183.00	30.44	152.56
2	Assam	675.00	0.00	675.00*
3	Himachal Pradesh	360.00	117.59	242.41@@
4	Jammu & Kashmir	650.00	102.31	547.69£
5	Manipur	170.00	14.12	155.88
6	Meghalaya	175.00	26.82	148.18
7	Mizoram	125.00	20.08	104.92
8	Nagaland	145.00	20.47	124.53
9	Sikkim	76.00	07.89	68.11
10	Tripura	200.00	35.83	164.17

@Includes market borrowings and loans from Financial Institutions, besides Small Savings, State Provident Fund, Miscellaneous Capital receipts (Net), contribution of State Public enterprises (State Electricity Boards and State Road Transport Corporations).

@@Includes assistance for Externally Aided Projects of Rs. 30.00 crores.

*Includes Plan Revenue Deficit grant of Rs. 42.38 crores (NFC) and assistance for Externally Aided Projects of Rs. 5 crores.

£ Includes Plan Revenue Deficit grant of Rs. 1.80 crores and assistance for Externally Aided projects of Rs. 9.00 crores.

Statement-II

Approved Plan outlay, States' own resources and Central assistance for Annual Plan, 1991-92

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	States	Approved plan outlay	State's own Resources@	Central Assistance
1	Arunachal Pradesh	230.00	0.00	230.00
2	Assam	800.00	0.00	800.00*
3	Himachal Pradesh	405.00	89.14	315.86@@
4	Jammu & Kashmir	720.00	0.00	720.00£
5	Manipur	195.00	5.00	190.00
6	Meghalaya	205.00	32.00	173.00
7	Mizoram	152.00	0.00	152.00
8	Nagaland	168.00	5.39	162.61
9	Sikkim	95.00	7.59	87.41
10	Tripura	225.00	31.34	193.66

@Includes market borrowings and loans from Financial Instutions, besides Small Savings, State Provident Fund, Miscellaneous Capital receipts (Net), contribution of State Public enterprises (State Electricity Boards and State Road Transport Corporations).

@@Includes assistance for Externally Aided Projects of Rs. 67.00 crores.

*Includes Plan Revenue Deficit grant of Rs. 50.23 crores and assistance of Externally-Aided Projects of Rs. 5.00 crores.

£ Includes Plan Revenue Deficit grant of Rs. 2.13 crores and assistance for Externally Aided projects of Rs. 8.00 crores.